Atlanta Campus Senate Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 14, 2017 - SCW 464/466

I. Call to Order: Speaker Pro Tempore Anthony Jones at 7:25p.m.
II. Opening Call of the Roll & Determination of Quorum: Senate Clerk Olivia Abie
   Absent →(Senator Pachon, Galvis, Patton, Siam, Stewart)
III. Minutes from the meeting on Thursday, August 24th, were tabled by Senator
      Siemer, and seconded by Senator Barry.
IV. Special Orders
   a. Seating bill - Senator Positions
      - Senator King with the vacancy committee interviewed and nominated Archana
      Iyer as graduate Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, and Ariana Roberts
      as undergraduate Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences.
      - The seating bill for the senator positions passed with 19 yays, 0 nay, 0 abs.
      - Senator Iyer and Senator Roberts were sworn in by SJB Liaison Bosbyshell.
V. Special reports
   a. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate-None
   b. Student Forum (Students wishing to address the Senate)- None
VI. Two-minute speeches by members of the Senate
   -Senator King informed that he has two initiative for this semester, the first one is to
     implement a program to help transfer students through their process.
     - Second initiative, working with Senator Chair Cruz Hernandez to implement new
     dining hall meal plan.
VII. Executive Cabinet Reports
   a. Report of the Communications Director, Sara Moreno Duque
      - Call for DACA students on September 14th, starts at 8p.m.
      - Will start sending emails for tabling to have more SGA representatives to come out.
      - Working on putting together a story board that highlights SGA.
      - SGA will be tabling on Panther Preview days, which is an event for upcoming
        freshmen and their family to get active at the university.
   b. Report of the Finance Director, Zuri May
      - Had first finance and budget committee meeting on September 9th
      - Yearly finance program for students to get more involved
Looking into increasing SGA involvement by having representatives attend athletic events (football season for the fall, and basketball season for spring) - working on 2019 fiscal budget, incorporate SGA incentives for all members and representatives. Any suggestions, thoughts, brainstorming ideas can be sent to her email sgafinanceatl@gsu.edu.

Creating a SGA budget cheat sheet, and budget key for how can we spent SGA money, to avoid rolling over fund, and to maximize budget for next year.

c. Report of the Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Jones

- Office hours are, open to discuss any concerns or ideas, thanked everyone for coming.
- Is looking forward for SGA representatives to be more the face of the student body.

VIII. University Senate Committee Reports

a. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee Chair, Jessica Siemer

- Working on improving advising
- Developed a survey that will be put on Orgsync, will need officers to promote the survey to students. The idea is to go to advising with some feedback on where students are struggling and what they will like to see improve.
- At the bottom of the page, there’s a section for students that had particularly good experience or negative experience to put their contact information. If there’s enough students who leave their contact information, she will invite them to discuss to talk about what their experience was and target what are the issues with advising
- All represent colleges and programs, gathering information about what the major looks like, and what the advising path for each major looks like. The idea is to create a master list for best advising, one drive documents, resource that you know under
- GSU 1010 class, leadership panel, represent SGA Monday 16th 1-15p.m. and October 19th
- Midterms are coming up, assembling Panther kits (scantrons, blue books, granola bars, water), 50 panther kits. Will start assembling them, two weeks from now, September 25th.
- Hand out panther kits, set times that we going to table, two tables library hall and SGA representatives that will be tabling must have SGA polo, and as you hand out the panther kits make sure that students know it is from SGA
- Programming for finals week, SGA will host study rooms within the Student center, programming’s, for example yoga break, study groups and will possibly provide refreshments.

b. Report of the Student Life Committee Chair, Joshua Akinola-King

- Working to host a General assembly, open forum for students to share their concerns and discuss current events on October 31st from 5:30-7p.m. in room
4664. Working on Flyer to promote this event, light refreshments will be provided.

c. **Report of the Student Services Committee Chair, Alondra Cruz-Hernandez**
   - Did a survey on the financial aid office, the outcome was 45% disagree with the panther phone number, 30% didn’t have a positive experience with financial aid office. On the short answer part of the survey, most students wanted better customer service, hire more financial aid representatives. A lot of students said that no one seems to genuinely care about their issues.
   - Met with one of the financial advisor to review the survey answers to discuss it and find a solution.
   - Thinking about creating an informative panel about financial aid.

   - Met with the president of ISAC (International Association Student Council), made a survey, will be hand out to all the presidents of the organizations. This survey is to ask students what problems have they had since coming to Georgia state, specific things that as an international student they don’t understand or need help with.
   - One of the senator of her committee, Luis Aleman is working with initiatives to improve parking.
   - Point of information Luis Aleman: Difficulty with finding parking, met with the director of transportation to try to find solutions. Also shuttle buses stop running at 10:30p.m. which is too soon, working to extend shuttle to midnight. Lower deck parking has also been closed without letting the students know, address that to understand why this is happening. Trying to talk to other parking companies, so they can offer a discount, M-Deck for students for parking.
   - Meetings are from 1-2p.m. Friday, if anyone interested to help with those initiatives, any students is welcome to come.

   - **Report from the Vacancy Committee**
     - Senator King informed that the vacancy Committee has been interviewing freshmen and transfer liaison positions. They will be appointed by next meeting September 28th.
     - The vacancy committee has been doing interviews this week and will be conducting more interviews next week. Still has vacant positions for the College of the Arts, Arts and Science, and college of Education.

IX. **Old Business -None**

X. **New Business**
   - Senator King move to waive the reading of the second part of the bill, seconded by Senator Cruz Hernandez. All in favor, motion passed. 19 yay, 0 nay, 0 abs.

   - This is a legislation for more people to join the vacancy committee. The bill interview one on one, at least two members of the Committee Vacancy need to be in the interview, but not more than three.
-Interviews are conducted Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am-12pm

-Jessica Siemer move to open the discussion for 3 minutes, seconded by Senator Aleman. All in favor, motion passed.

-Senator King call the question, seconded by Senator Barry. The bill passed with 19 yay, 0 nay, 1 abs.
-Senator Aleman move to take nomination for the vacancy committee, seconded by Senator King.
Senator Jones, Senator Aleman, Senator Curry nominated themselves to sit on that committee.

XI. Closing Remarks
   a. Comments and announcements of the officers
      -Speaker Anthony Jones: Monday, Wednesday 11-2, Thursday, 1-2p.m. office hours, talk, more involvement from every officer, discussing legislation,

      - Director Moreno Duque: Thanked students for coming, informed there’s a spread sheet of all the committee that students may want to join, inside of the SGA office.

      -Director May: largest student turnout, thanked every student for coming. SGA wants the opinion on the legislation that we present. Encourages students to join the committees, hoping for more students to come next meeting,

XII. Closing Call of the Roll: Senate Clerk Olivia Abie
     Absent →(Senator Pachon, Galvis, Patton, Siam, Stewart)

XIII. Executive Vice President’s Report, Yann Mondon
     -Student Activity Fee Committee will meet Friday September 15th at 2p.m. at the student center east. The committee will be voting so alternatives senators that are part of the committee please try to be there.
     -In regards to hurricane Harvey and Irma, met again with Miranda Markedo and went to the civic engagement office to set up a meeting with the director.

XIV. Adjournment
     Senator Cruz-Hernandez move to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Senator Aibganbgee. All in favor, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20p.m.